

WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA

LOUIS H. BRUNI

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PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
NOVEMBER 8, 2004 AND CONTINUING
TO NOVEMBER 9, 2004
1:00 P.M.

- CALL TO ORDER BY THE HONORABLE COUNTY JUDGE, LOUIS H. BRUNI
- 2. ROLL CALL BY THE HONORABLE COUNTY CLERK, MARGIE IBARRA
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- **4.** APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2004 SEPTEMBER 27, 2004 and OCTOBER 12, 2004.
- **5.** APPROVAL OF BILLS, PAYROLL AND MONTHLY REPORTS
- 6. COMMUNICATIONS
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT- This section provides the public the opportunity to address the Commissioners Court on any items on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to participate must complete a Witness Card specifying which agenda item they wish to comment on. Each public member will be allowed a total of three (3) minutes within which to make any/all public comments.

COURT TO DISCUSS AND ACT ON THE FOLLOWING:

LOUIS H. BRUNI, WEBB COUNTY JUDGE

- **8.** Presentation from "Feast of Sharing" by Gabriel De Leon Chairman and Tim Mata Co-Chair to be held on Sunday November 21, 2004 at the Laredo Civic Center from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **9.** Presentation by United Independent School District School Board President and Mr. Oscar Rodriguez, UISD Superintendent will present Judge Bruni and each Commissioner with a letter and an Employer Commendation Certificate on behalf of the Texas Association of School Boards.
- **10.** Status report on alleged illegal dumping at Pueblo Nuevo Subdivision, with discussion and possible action to take remedial measures for the same.
- **11.** Status on contractual performance by IDEAA Program with discussion and possible action on contractual remedies in case of non-performance or breach.
- **12.** Status on communications and Public Access and City of Laredo's use overlap.

DAVID R. CORTEZ, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4

13. Discussion and possible action concerning the transfer of \$219,000.00 from account #16820013352 to the Webb County Area Justice Foundation for the implementation of S.M.A.R.T. PATH Youth Intervention Program for Juvenile Offenders.

JERRY VASQUEZ, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1

14. Discussion and possible action to transfer \$10,000.00 from Account Number 001-0109-6022 to account Number 001-0110-7421 (STDC Elderly Nutrition Program).

MEDIA BREAK

AUDITOR

15. Discussion and possible action to approve the line item transfers attached and shown as back up information to this item as recommended by the County Auditor so that billings can be paid and posted in the fiscal year the bill was incurred.

COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

16. Discussion and possible action to modify and fill the following slot for Rural Transportation Program:

From: Slot #1134 Secretary \$9.18/hr. To: Office Assistant \$9.18/hr

Effective November 9, 2004. Funding comes from Rural Transportation Program grants. No impact on the General Fund.

17. Discussion and possible action to approve budget revision for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), FY-2004.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 18. Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year (September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005) Interlocal Agreement with United Independent School District (U.I.S.D.) for three (3) Justice of the Peace Juvenile Coordinators in J.P. Court Precinct 2, Place 1 and Place 2, and Juvenile Coordinator for J.P. Court Precinct 4 in the amount of TEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$10,152.00) for the Coordinator assigned to J. P. Court Precinct 2, Place 1, and THIRTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$13,940.00), for the Coordinator assigned to J. P. Court Precinct 2, Place 2, and FIFTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$15,121.00) for the Coordinator assigned to J. P. Court Precinct 4, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Justices of the Peace Precinct 2, Places 1 & 2, Justice of the Peace Precinct 4]
- 19. Discussion and possible action to enter into a contract amendment to provide for two (2) month's rent assistance instead of one (1) month's rent of not more than ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1000.00) instead of SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$700.00), or for a maximum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) in mortgage payment(s) instead of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Community Action Agency]
- 20. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year computer hardware agreement with SBC DataComm beginning January 15, 2005 through January 14, 2006 for an total cost of TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS (\$21,027.30) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

COUNTY CLERK

21. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of various equipment for the Webb County Clerk's Office from Dell Government Sales in the amount of approximately \$49,807.51 (plus freight). This request will have no impact on the General Fund and will be funded from Fund 005 - County Clerk Records Archive Fund.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 22. Discussion and possible action to approve the acceptance of the New Self-Help Center Building as recommended by the project architect, Mr. Mario Jasso, Architects Plus, Inc., authorize that all final bills and retainage be approved and designate the program(s) to be housed in this facility.
- **23.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the creation of a VISTA Advisory Committee and request that each member of the Commissioners Court nominate one person to serve on the VISTA Advisory Committee.
- **24.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Auditor authority to expend funds from the Webb County CAA-Self-Help Center Program, effective October 1, 2004 thru December 31, 2004.
- **25.** Discussion and possible action to prorate rent, Six Hundred dollars (\$600.00) to allow the Self-Help staff to vacate the premises at Colonia Los Altos and relocate to the New Webb County Self-Help Center. (Account # 506-6500-6012 Space Rental)
- 26. Discussion and possible action to approve Memorandum of Agreement between Corporation For National And Community Service and Webb County for the Assignment of up to fifteen (15) AmeriCorps*VISTA members which includes a grant for (\$351,276) Three Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Six for the period up to December 31, 2005.
- 27. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the following County Official: Honorable Louis H. Bruni, Honorable Judith G. Gutierrez, and Honorable David R. Cortez to be designated as authorized signatories for the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs-Office of Colonia Initiatives, Self-Help Center Program.
- 28. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Economic Development Department to submit a (RBOG) Rural Business Opportunity Grant Application (Federal) and /or a Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) application (State) to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development in the amount of (\$250,000) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars each for the purpose of preliminary studies, engineering and environmental studies, for the Regional Mobility Authority Project.

ENGINEER

- **29.** Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing the extension of the lease between Webb County and Ed Ramirez Jr. for the Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 Place 2 for six months in the amount of \$2,400.00 per month.
- **30.** Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing the Utilities Department to fill Vacant Position, Slot # 1534, Operator I, at a salary of \$9.32 per hour.

FACILITIES

- **31.** Discussion and possible action to approve York International Company to provide labor and materials to remove, rebuilt, and re-install a 250 ton York Chiller at a cost of \$8,700.00 and expenses to be charged to account 001-0106-6401 Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings.
- **32.** Discussion and possible action to approve the activation of cellular phone service to three Nextel 2-way radios assigned to Facilities Department Director and supervisors, expenses to be charged to The General Operating Account (#001-0109-6004).
- **33.** Discussion and possible action to fill custodial slot #023 at \$8.25 per hour and charge to (account #001-0106-5001 Building Maintenance Payroll).

HEAD START

- **34.** Discussion and possible action to fill slot # <u>2171</u>, part-time Kitchen Aide (17.5 hrs/week for 10 months) with an annual salary of \$6,253, effective October 26, 2004 through May 28, 2005 for a total prorated salary of \$5,198. [Grant Account #906-4209-5001; No Impact on the General Fund]
- **35.** Discussion and possible action to fill slot # <u>2052</u> and <u>2156</u>, part-time Substitute Teacher (15 hrs/week for 10 months) with an annual salary of \$4,721, effective October 26, 2004 through May 28, 2005 for a total prorated salary of \$3,861. [Grant Account #906-4207-5001 No Impact on the General Fund]

PURCHASING AGENT

- **36.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to hire the services of Cantu Electric co., Inc. to install/repair one Victorian light pole and one Victorian light pole with flood light fixture and electrical receptacle for a sum of \$7,850.00 as requested by the Building Maintenance Department. (Repairs and Maintenance Account #001-0106-6401)
- **37.** Discussion and possible action to accept the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent to award Bid No. 2005-40 "One Type III Bus W/Wheelchair" to the sole bidder National Bus Sales & Leasing as recommended by Texas Department of Transportation.
- **38.** Discussion and possible action to award Bid #2004-72 "Webb County School Land (Cuchilla and Lomas Pastures Hunting Lease" to one of the following bidders:

De Hoyos Air Conditioning El Rio Pharmacy Rodolfo Echavarria Alberto Rubio Dr. Apolonio Santos

- **39.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit price quotations for propane purchases for the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (Energy Crises Component) for the Community Action Agency.
- **40.** Discussion and possible action to award a purchase order contract for a fire and security alarm system for the Self Help Center Facility to Kelmar & Associates in the amount of \$6,039.00 plus \$45.00/per month for monitoring services.
- **41.** Discussion and possible action to instruct the County Treasurer to honor the pay duly approved by the Purchasing Board and the pay increase duly approved by Commissioners Court for purchasing employee Frances Garcia as reflected in the personnel general order prepared by the County Auditor for fiscal year 2004-2005.
- **42.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase four (4) mobile vision color cameras with a 16X optical-1128X digital power zoom lens and a 1-LUX sensitivity from Mobile Vision in the amount of \$9,800.00 for the Law Enforcement Center.

ROAD & BRIDGE

43. Discussion and possible action to fill slot #1995 Refuse Truck Driver at 10.05/hr and slot #2116 at 10.15/hr effective November 12, 2004.

SHERIFF

44. Discussion and possible action to approve the following expenditures:

Brooks County	\$18,337.50
The Productivity Center	\$ 2,359.00
Continental Chemicals	\$ 1,750.17

- **45.** Discussion and possible action to approve the Texas Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Grant in the amount of \$13,194.00 This grant and agreement is for enforcement of the Texas Transportation Code and to conduct additional speed and occupant restraint enforcement, surveys, education and media activity during selected holiday periods.
- **46.** Discussion and possible action to ratify payroll proposal qualifying the Webb Co. Sheriff's Department for \$77,543.12 in overtime funding, and participating in the United States Customs and Border Protection (C.B.P.) "Operation Stonegarden", augmenting border security through the use of federal funding.
- **47.** Discussion and possible action to approve the following expenditures from [Account #04-04599 State Attorney General Grant]
 Appriss (Texas Vine Project) \$ 15,422.50

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 48. Discussion and possible action related to litigation concerning 17-acre tract known as One River Park Subdivision. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney-pending litigation)]
- 49. Discussion and possible action related to litigation threatened by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney-pending litigation)]

- 50. Discussion and possible action related to possible litigation concerning Webb County Bridge project. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney-pending litigation)]
- 51. Discussion and possible action regarding (1) the recommendation of the Webb County Employee Grievance Committee concerning the grievance of former Interim Indigent Services Director, Francisco X. Salinas; and (2) the Charge of Discrimination filed by Mr. Salinas with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.
 - Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
- **52.** Adjournment

The Webb County Commissioners Court hereby reserves the right to go into executive session at any time during this public meeting, if such is requested by the County Attorney or other legal counsel for the County, pursuant to his or her duty under Section 551.071(2) of the Government Code, to consult privately with his or her client on an item on the agenda, or on a matter arising out of such item.

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Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid of service such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or need large print are requested to contact the court administrator at (956) 523-4622.

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DATED THIS D	DAY OF NOVEMB	ER, 2004.		
By: YOLANDA L. CARR COURT ADMINISTF		-		
CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE AND POSTING				
I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse door of Webb County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the day of, 2004 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.				
DATED THIS	_ DAY OF		, 2004	
COUNTY CLERK, WEE	BB COUNTY, TEX	AS		